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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Honorable Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's refusal to enter Applicants' reply filed on September 29, 2006, as set forth in the Advisory Action mailed October 12, 2006.

The reply should have been entered because any amendment therein was purely as to form. It did not touch on the merits of the claims, nor did it require further search or examination. Moreover, the amendment placed the application in better form for appeal.

The reply should have also been entered because it contained arguments and remarks that were not considered by the Examiner. The arguments and remarks distinctly and specifically pointed out errors in the Final Office Action and replied to every ground of objection and rejection therein. The arguments and remarks also pointed out specific distinctions that rendered the pending claims patentable over all the applied references. Applicants' arguments and remarks further clearly pointed out

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the patentable novelty which the claims present in view of the references cited or the objections made. The arguments and remarks could not have been presented earlier as the arguments and remarks were responsive to rejections and arguments presented by the Examiner for the first time in the immediately preceding Final Office Action.

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